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Pharmasave says bid process was unfair

By **Matthew Desrosiers**
 Editor

Controversy over a request for proposal (RFP) at Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) has one Minden business crying foul.

Peter Meraw, owner of the Minden Pharmasave, said his company was not notified of the upcoming bid for a contract to

provide medicine to HHHS and its long-term care facilities.

According to Meraw, who was the incumbent on this contract, Pharmasave made their intent to bid known in 2012. When former CEO Paul Rosebush resigned, the RFP was postponed until 2013. Meraw was told he would be contacted with details.

"We were told we would be given an invite to initiate the process," he said. "Part of that

would have been showing up at the first [site] meeting, which we didn't know about."

It was announced during September's HHHS board of directors meeting that the contract was awarded to National Pharmacy, and out-of-county company, and that Pharmasave had been disqualified from bidding because they missed the mandatory site visit.

However Meraw said his team was never

made aware of the site visit requirement until after they were disqualified.

"MY issue is the process," he said. "We had no correspondence. We clearly made that statement well in advance of being able to do something about it. Not only did we not get an appeal, we got no acknowledgement, no response. Why isn't there any mechanism to allow an appeal?"

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HHHS CEO Varouj Eskedjian said the organization was required by legislation to put the contract to open tender across the province, and there is no appeal process in place for a dispute like this.

The RFP process was outsourced to a company call biddingo.com. Eskedjian said that was because of the RFP process is very involved, and "nobody within HHHS has that expertise to do it."

Biddingo was responsible for contacting

Pharmasave, as well as two other companies, when the RFP was opened. Eskedjian said the company has confirmed with him that not only was the e-mail sent to Pharmasave, but that they also downloaded the RFP documents from the Biddingo.com website.

The mandatory site visit is listed on the RFP document.

"If you don't attend the site meeting, you don't get to bid," he said. "That's why it's posted publicly. The rules [of the RFP process] don't allow us an appeal process

for one vendor because he missed a date."

Meraw said his team would feel a lot better if HHHS or Biddingo.com could show the actual e-mail that was sent. They have completed an e-mail audit that did not show any such e-mail had been received.

"If that were done, I would feel much more comfortable with it," he said.

"There's too much potential for arbitrary exclusions and people don't want to see that."

Until then, Meraw said he believes there was a problem with the process and someone should be held accountable.

"At the end of the day, there's a real person who has lost a job in our community [because we lost this contract], and that's a momentum that's happening in our province," he said. "There is value in the culture of a small town. We need to make sure jobs have a fair, competitive situation."

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Editorial opinion

Bid wars

It's tough doing business in the Highlands.

There are enough challenges here to scare off most entrepreneurs. From our seasonal economy to much-talked about poverty, there's only so much business to go around.

Some companies count on municipal and government contracts to keep their doors open. These businesses, as Pharmasave in Minden has recently learned, could be in for a rude awakening.

Pharmasave fell victim to the province's attempts to be 'fair' with its money.

Because their contract with Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) to provide medicine to the long-term care facilities came up for renewal, and because the new contract was worth over \$100,000, it had to be put to tender province-wide according to provincial regulations.

That means companies in Timmins could apply for the contract, if they wanted. They didn't, but some GTA pharmacies sure were interested.

Pharmasave was disqualified altogether from bidding, for missing a meeting due to – depending on whom you ask – a breakdown in the process. When they tried to appeal the disqualification, they were told their protests wouldn't be heard because doing so would be against the process which, of course, is based on being 'fair' to everyone.

Hogwash.

Not only is the RFP process unfair to local businesses, it's harmful. Big city companies bidding on (relatively) small local jobs and contracts hurts us.

Big companies have dedicated people on staff whose sole job is to pound the pavement looking for these kinds of contracts. They track them all, prepare applications, make presentations, and get paid to bring in work.

Pharmasave doesn't have that kind of budget. Their owners, who work every day running the pharmacy, are responsible for those contracts and applications. They don't have the luxury of a specialist who

works nine to five on RFPs. They're too busy serving the community.

Maybe they could be excused for a slip up of say, missing a meeting, considering their intentions to bid were well-known in advance and they had previously held the contract for more than 10 years. Could someone at HHHS have called the owners and asked them why their bid wasn't in, or reminded them of the meeting? Small-town values would say yes, of course. And they should have.

But the rules say any communication made to one party has to be shared with everyone and no bidder may be given an advantage of any sort. The hospital followed those rules to the letter, and they can't be blamed for protecting themselves from possible litigation as a result of breaking the rules.

The problem lies with the province thinking their RFP process is fair to everyone. It's not. Pharmasave had to let someone go because they lost this contract, all due to a missed meeting. It's possible they would have lost anyway, but it's just as likely they would have won the contract and continued with the service they've been offering for a decade.

In the Highlands we value our community. We like to know the people who are serving us every day, their faces and the conversations we share. We like spending our money locally and supporting our neighbours. We certainly don't like big city companies barging in, kicking us while we're down, and hurting our economy because they have the resources to play by overly-complicated rules.

The hospital isn't at fault here, it's the process that is flawed. And until it's fixed, big businesses will continue to scoop up local jobs and contracts until the county is squeezed dry.



By Matthew Desrosiers

Going meta

About a year ago, a friend asked me if I believed everything I write in these columns. He seemed surprised that it took me less than a second to answer: of course not.

You may find that surprising as well. To be clear, it's a bit more subtle than that. Absolutely, I believe in the arguments I make, that they're consistent and have a factual basis. But do I think I'm correct all the time? Again, of course not. The last time I knew everything I was 15.

This is, roughly, my 100th column, coinciding with The Highlander's two-year anniversary this week. When we started the paper, it never occurred to me that publishing it would be a public role; that people would read and consider what I write and take it seriously. Back then, there was extra space to fill; I knew from experience that I could write reasonably well, and I didn't have to pay myself. So I started writing a column. It was no more calculated than that.

Sometimes I wonder if these columns have gone off the rails. People assume I am the sum of my writing, or that the paper and I share the same point of view. Neither is true, the former because my opinions evolve constantly, the latter because our editor always has the final say on editorial content. I can nag and try to persuade, but it's his call, as it should be. I would expect him to at least threaten a resignation should I ever pull rank and overrule him; fortunately we've never come to that.

I try to write for our audience: Highlanders of all ages and backgrounds, permanent and seasonal residents. At first I wrote about a broad range of issues, but the feedback you gave me, in Foodland and in e-mails, was that there were plenty of columnists writing about provincial, national and international issues; stick to local topics, you said. Mindful of that advice, I have mostly followed it.

Now, coming up with a new local topic every week can be a bit of a challenge. And if I were to constantly write approving odes to the thousands of great things and people here, it would put you to sleep. So I look for issues with at least two sides and explore one of them, using my arsenal of ten-dollar words and alliterative fireworks occasionally

to enhance the entertainment value.

In those explorations, my primary concern is the finished product: is it interesting? Does it present new ideas or provide you with a perspective on the topic?

Those are, after all, what columns are for. They're also to make the reader feel good for having engaged in some critical thought: either you'll agree with me and commend yourself for spotting a fellow genius, or you'll disagree and commend yourself for spotting a raving idiot. Either way, you win.

I do worry about hurting feelings and seeming pretentious; that it's not clear enough that my role as publisher is completely disconnected from that of columnist. It's also worth mentioning that, despite sometimes giving our community leaders a rough ride (because that's what a columnist does) I support them unreservedly; our politicians and other community leaders have tough jobs and admirable skills, and if they need me or this paper we're here for them.

It's unavoidable that this job gives one, unelected person too much of a voice in a small community. That being the case, I'm grateful for your readership and not under the illusion that I'm right all the time, or even most of it. No doubt you already figured that out, but you should know that I know it too.

Which brings me to something we've yet to publish but which has been guiding us from Day 1, The Highlander's mission:

To tell the story of Haliburton County each week

To be a source of information and inspiration through stories and ideas;

To report on issues, people and events important to the community;

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To encourage Highlanders to believe in themselves and our community, and in their power to make our place in the world better every day.

Thank you for reading.



By Bram Lebo

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Clarification

In last week's article 'Appliance era comes to an end', a quote near the end of the article has given some the impression that Newbatt's Appliances is closing. This is not the case. The quote referred to the origins of Doug's Appliances. Newbatt's Appliances remains open for business. The Highlander apologizes for any confusion with this matter.

Letters to the editor

Protecting the monarchs

Dear editor,
As a monarch butterfly enthusiast for about 25 years, I have been very disappointed this past summer to have seen in Ontario only one in its caterpillar stage and eight as adults. This is in contrast to as many as 200 in some recent summers.

My personal, informal observations of this declining population has been supported by biologists gathering and analyzing data about their annual migrations north and south in Canada, United States, and Mexico. In the last 20 years their research has shown that the biggest factor in this reduction has been the major loss of habitat in the overwintering forests of Mexico and the agricultural fields of U.S. and Canada.

I'm writing about an opportunity to assist two organizations established for 20 years and dedicated to preserving the monarchs and their migrations. As a participant – formerly as a teacher and now as an individual – I strongly endorse Journey North and Monarch Watch. Visit their amazing websites to learn of the many varied ways people can learn

and be involved with little time investment or financial cost.

Journey North focuses on migration of monarchs and other species such as hummingbirds and whales. As a 'citizen scientist' people can contribute to their large-scale research projects by reporting sightings of monarchs and milkweeds. Visit www.learner.org/jnorth/search.

Monarch Watch also gives the opportunity to be a 'citizen scientist'. This is an educational outreach program based at the University of Kansas with a wealth of information on rearing, tagging monarchs and setting up milkweed 'waystations'. Visit www.MonarchWatch.org.

I hope that readers will investigate these websites and get involved. Maybe our actions together will ensure these magnificent butterflies will be thriving for our great-grandchildren to see.

**Sharon Harrison
Ingoldsby**

Photo of the week



Photo by Tammy Nash
This beaver goes for a swim, looking for materials to shore up its dam.

Lots to talk about when it comes to climate change

Dear editor,

Once upon a time it might have been true to say a conversation about the weather is the last refuge of the unimaginative. But recent conversations about Weird Weather revealed very real questions and concerns, as well as insightful recommendations on preparing for the future in the Highlands.

The topics, which came from the 90 folks attending, are shared here to inspire more talk about the weather in our living rooms, council meetings, businesses and service organizations.

There were ten topics:

1. Pollinators: What can we do about the drop in population of bees, butterflies and birds?
2. Our forests: Will species and numbers

- change? Ideas included planting for future generations, experimenting with species from southern regions, and learning how to develop a sustainable forest.
3. Farming: How are we going to change the way we plant? Responses varied: help seeds adapt, encourage broader seed ranges, explore hydroponics, develop our own seed library.
4. Building codes: Will they need to be changed? To construct stronger structures, yes.
5. Social action: We can identify our county's emissions and implement incentives for greening homes and businesses; campaign about national projects such as the tarsands as well as local issues such as the loss of recreational fishing; and work with our councils toward a green plan.

6. Personal emergency plans: How to prepare for extended periods of extreme weather? Plan with neighbours, identify support groups, share off-grid resources such as energy, food, and fuel. Prepare car kits, one week kits, and learn about alternative appliances and tools like rocket stoves.
7. Geo-engineering: Learn about the other human factors affecting the climate such as global dimming, HAARP and chem trails. See the film, What on Earth are they spraying.
8. Lakes, Rivers and Wetlands: How can we mitigate further deterioration of water quality? Encourage the adoption and/or revision of lake plans, implement stricter laws for development on and protection of water, involve universities, student scientists, and all levels of government.
9. Green Screens: To educate and

encourage more conversations on a broad range of related issues organize an ongoing environmental film program.

- 10. Spirituality: Understood as the relationship to the whole, past, present, and future, to food, and to the human and non-human community. For the emotional resilience to deal with climate-related losses we need conversations and processes to move from hopelessness to gratitude.

Longfellow believed a single conversation across the table with a wise person is better than 10 years' study of books. It certainly was the case in this three-hour Sept. 7th event.

**Carol Kilby and Paul Irwin,
Gaia Farmhouse Retreat and B&B**

— Letting the goose out of the bag

All information is on a need to know basis. You've heard the saying many times before, in films and TV shows with stern-faced military types in them, or as a retort when being asked by a buddy to divulge important information such as the location of the fishing hole from which you caught that monster bass you've been bragging about. And then again, some things are actually best left unsaid, just not mentioned because sometimes it is better that folks don't know what they don't need to know.

This is how I felt on a recent trip to see long-lost friends. Back from BC, on a visit to their parents in southern Ontario, Frazer and Kate asked if we wanted to come for a visit. We accepted readily and were overjoyed to see them. After a four-hour drive we were cozily ensconced in Frazer's parent's living room, the kids in bed, the warm night air blowing a gentle breeze through open windows as I sipped a glass of wine. That's when I first heard it: 'honk, honk.'

Geese?

There it was again, as the conversation drifted from pleasantries to childhood mishaps

and foolish gags, 'honk honk honk.'

Frazer's father noticed I was listening. "Geese," he said with a smile. "A flock of about 30 lives on our pond."

The conversation had stopped and now everyone was listening to the gentle sounds of the geese settling down for the night. 'honk, ha ha, honk honk.' Then came the stories of the children feeding the geese. How they had taken bread so gently from tiny hands. How, if careful little Frazer could almost slide into the partially tame flock with a canoe. How he and his sister had been horrified on witnessing one of their flock knocked from the sky by the blast of a hunter's 12-gauge. Everyone in the room was horrified, mortified, dumbstruck that anyone would want to shoot these beautiful creatures.

That's when I knew that the room didn't need to know that the pleasant warbling of these resting geese was beautiful to me in a different way. That the sound was just like that made by my buddy Jeff using his goose call; that it was very similar to the early morning, adrenalin-inducing call of incoming birds on the goose hunt.

That's when I knew that the information about my new hobby was definitely on a need-to-know basis and that they didn't need to know that the previous day I had sat hidden in a hedgerow honking at passing flocks. That the full camo outfit I'd recently purchased enabled me to blend with the bush in order to hide from geese was not on the list of vital information that evening. No, my friends and their parents definitely didn't need to know just how close I'd come to bagging one of these beautiful creatures, if only the darn things had landed 30 feet closer on their morning forage.

I kept my excitement at hearing the geese well and truly to myself.

The next day the geese had left the pond by the time we all ventured outdoors. We canoed the pond, we fished, we spent the entire day outside such was the wonderful warm fall weather. Everything was perfect. We were reunited with some lovely friends, their family was more than happy that we were there and everyone was having a great time. And then, in late afternoon, that's when I heard it again. 'Honk, honk, honk,' then more,

The Outsider

honkhonkhonk.' There above us in glorious triangle formation was a flock of Canada geese. I froze, a bead of cold sweat forming on my temple.

The geese wheeled first one way and then the other and began to descend, still honking. I prayed for some miraculous intervention but it was no use. Little Z's ears had already pricked up. His head jerked away from the sandbox game that he'd been playing and he stood up, crushing his new buddy's sand castle in the process.

"GEESE DADDY GEESE!" He shouted.

I already knew what was coming next but I was unable to react, my mind and body frozen to the spot.

Little Z raised one arm pointing it skyward, geeseward, if you will, and in his loudest voice, shouted: "BANG! BANG! BANG!"

Guess I'm going to have to school him a little better on which of our little games are on a need-to-know basis!



By Will Jones

Highlander opinion

Eye on the street: *What are your favourite fall activities?*



Christine and Benton Lloyd-Gottinger

Haliburton

Rake leaves with the kids and grandkids. We have huge leaf bags that look like a goalie and a net. We put the two year old in the bag so he can stomp them down. Then we will shoot pucks at them.

Francis Tsotsos

Eagle Lake

I like biking and hiking. Mountain biking at Sir Sam's. I really enjoy the colours. It has been great sitting on the dock and looking at the colours and at night seeing the stars.



Jack Lee

Moose Lake

Resting and enjoying the beautiful country. I live at Moose Lake and the colours on the Harburn Road have been great. I enjoy living in the best part of our country.



Jon Lee

Oshawa

Bicycle riding and bowling. I ride as far as Highway 35 in Carnarvon. I take pictures and enjoy the scenery. I see lots of deer and one at about 10 feet last Saturday on Sir Sam's Road.



Roger Lavoie

Kinmount

ATVing and outdoor stuff like that. We do the Kawartha Lakes trail to look at the fall colours and enjoy the scenery. It is absolutely the best time of the year.

AH hits roadblocks getting nurse practitioner

Algonquin Highlands may yet have a new nurse practitioner clinic in the Kawagama/Oxtongue areas, but progress has slowed.

Township council supported the project proposed by the Dorset Community Partnership (DCP) in April 2012. DCP representative Herb Hickling said recently that as a result of 2013 provincial policy changes, a proposal to address health needs priorities for Muskoka and surrounding areas has taken precedence over the DCP initiatives for the time being.

The DCP is continuing to investigate methods to provide health services, including a physician-staffed weekly mobile health unit service for communities in and around Lake of Bays.

Poverty reduction focuses on housing

By Lisa Harrison

Contributing writer

The County of Haliburton and the City of Kawartha Lakes (CKL) are developing a joint poverty reduction strategy, of which the housing component is currently in circulation for municipal input.

CKL is the consolidated municipal services manager for both regions. That management is overseen by a joint social and housing services committee (JAC).

The housing action plan was presented to county council by Laura Maw of the John Howard Society of Kawartha Lakes & Haliburton. Maw is a member of the Poverty Reduction Strategy Steering Committee along with county councillor Bill Davis, Gena Robertson of SIRCH Community Services and representatives of other groups including CKL, the United Way and the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

Housing is one of five poverty reduction themes for which the committee is developing action plans. The others are food and basic needs, employment, transportation and child care. The committee has been holding public consultations for the past year through various means including focus groups and surveys, conducted research, and relied upon the county's recent housing strategy for additional information.

Among the committee's findings: homelessness costs the Canadian economy up to \$14 billion annually and poverty costs each of our households up to \$2,900 per year. Average house prices in the county have risen by 87.8 per cent during the past 10 years, while average household incomes rose by only 44.5 per cent between 1995 and 2005.

According to Maw, many people spend half their income on housing, and many end up in run-down housing seen by the community as being "the other side of the tracks".

"Once people are stigmatized in that type of housing, a lot of times it makes it very difficult for them to be

able to continue into the labour market and to fully participate," said Maw.

The plan contains 14 recommended actions to reduce housing issues. These include increasing the supply of permanent affordable housing options; lobbying the provincial and federal governments to renew and/or increase funding in related programs; creating/expanding and/or supporting home building supply stores in the community and at landfill sites that accept and resell donated supplies; and developing a housing loss/homelessness prevention plan that includes financial skills coaching, help with rent arrears and more.

The committee recommends the federal and provincial governments, as well as local communities participate in several of the actions.

"We believe it's going to take all of us working together in order to reduce poverty and hopefully one day eliminate it," said Maw.

Warden Carol Moffatt recommended the language in the plan be clarified around direction to lower tier municipalities.

"I just would like to tread carefully around two upper tiers telling lower tiers what to do," said Moffatt.

Maw said she believed the intent is to ensure some responsibility is assumed at whatever government level, even if it means such measures as phasing it in over time.

"I think it's very important that when we're looking at certain areas like...changing official plans...to allow things like granny flats and extra housing and that sort of thing, it will be different in different areas because of rural, urban, all those things come into play," said Maw. "However I think that there would be a way around that, and I think there would be a way that we could try to move forward."

Maw said she's recommending the county and CKL councils provide comments to the steering committee. The report will go to the JAC committee this month for discussion, after which Maw anticipates it will come back to council with any revisions for final review.

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Community Care requests repeat of AH funding

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing writer

The need for Community Care Haliburton County (CCHC) services is increasing and the group is hoping Algonquin Highlands will continue with its annual donation next year.

The township traditionally budgets \$2,500 toward CCHC support. Hilary Elia, CCHC resource development coordinator, attended the Oct. 3 regular council meeting to provide an update on the program and request that

council consider the same donation in 2014.

Elia confirmed that, should a proposed merger between CCHC and Haliburton Highlands Health Services take place, the township's funding would continue to go directly to CCHC services.

In its 2013 fiscal year, CCHC had 312 clients, said Elia. The group's 140 volunteers worked 29,632 hours, and at minimum wage, those hours would have cost the CCHC \$318,544.

"Dialysis is our biggest growing...

application right now," said Elia. "We have 11 clients. We have to drive them three days a week and drive them 52 weeks a year."

Dialysis patients must have their treatments, and so volunteer drivers must travel long distances, for example to Toronto and Kingston, in all types of weather and often at difficult hours, said Elia. They wait for four hours, the duration of the treatments, and bring the patients back.

"And the volunteers, they all get up and they do it. It's just outstanding, it's amazing."

Formed 33 years ago, the CCHC provides services such as transportation, Meals on Wheels, social recreation, friendly visiting and emergency response systems to seniors and adults with disabilities to help them stay in their homes. Recreation programs include events such as annual Christmas lunches.

"People are engaged, they're healthier, they live longer and they're active in the community," said Elia.

Councillors deferred a funding decision to their 2014 budget deliberations.

Lake of Bays to help Dorset with economic development

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing writer

Algonquin Highlands could have access to a new community economic development (CED) coordinator, committee and tools beginning next year.

The Dorset Community Partnership (DCP) is more than two years into its 12-year strategic plan for economic development in Lake of Bays (LOB) and continues to look for ways to support and partner with its neighbour Algonquin Highlands, which shares Dorset with LOB. Ward 1 councillor Gord Henderson and Ward 3 councillor Marlene Kyle have been serving as council's representatives to the not-for-profit partnership.

The three CED initiatives were identified as common priorities in a 113-page LOB Economic Development report released in May. The report was created via a two-year internship by a business school graduate surveying residents and businesses in both townships.

The CED initiatives are intended to achieve four short-term recommendations for LOB: establish an advisory economic development committee, hire a contract economic development coordinator, implement a social

media presence, and create a tourism and marketing strategy.

LOB council has approved those recommendations. The DCP attended AH council's Oct. 3 meeting to request that council include funding toward the short-term projects in its 2014 budget.

The DCP also provided an update on its own progress in community and economic development measures.

"The vibrancy of Dorset anecdotally from all major businesses is incredible," said DCP representative Collin Reaney. As an example he noted the former ferry SS Bigwin, which was restored and returned to the lakes by the community in June, booked 75 community cruises this summer.

"They're going to triple it and they're going commercial next year because of the demand."

Reaney outlined several other DCP initiatives, including a shop local campaign, guided walking tours, and partnerships with several local community groups such as HOLD (Hillside, Oxtongue Lake, Dwight). The DCP provides support in part by helping such groups to write grant applications and to replicate the DCP's own successes, said Reaney.

The DCP has 75 per cent of the capital it

needs to move forward with a multi-sports field, a local business has volunteered to roof the field pavilion at no charge, and booking requests have already begun. The group is working with the LOB Marine Museum on several property development projects and is also working on projects for mobile device enhancement, websites and collaborative promotions.

Reaney said the DCP is finding their funding is going up and capital costs are coming down due to local contributions.

"The challenges that the [Dorset] community faces by straddling is also an asset because there are two funding pools," Reeve Carol Moffatt summarized.

"You're absolutely right," said Reaney. "[And] FedNor right from Tony Clement [President of the Treasury Board] down are extremely positive and supportive of what we're doing." FedNor, the Federal Economic Development Initiative in Northern Ontario, has helped fund area projects such as the Bigwin restoration.

"I think it's very, very impressive how you have progressed over the last couple of years and I hope that you're still asking us for the things that you want us to do on an ongoing basis," said Henderson.

AH council acknowledged the DCP report.

Lift-off for MNR fire headquarters


It appears to be wheels up for development of the new Haliburton Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) fire management headquarters at Haliburton/Stanhope Municipal Airport.

Algonquin Highlands reeve Carol Moffatt confirmed she and chief administrative officer Angie Bird met with Infrastructure Ontario, the province's realty corporation, on Oct. 8 in regard to the MNR's relocation from Haliburton village.

Moffatt has called a closed special meeting of council for Oct. 11 and said she expects tree-clearing at the airport to begin this fall. Six hectares must be cleared to accommodate the new 17,800-square-foot facility and environs.

The MNR announced the \$12.2 million project in July.

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Meetings and Events

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October 31

9:00 am, Regular meeting of Council, Minden Council Chambers (public session 10:00 am)

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Highlander news

Future of McClintock septic lagoon discussed

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing writer

The McClintock septage lagoon in Algonquin Highlands is turning out to be a real puzzle, but a solution may be on its way.

After years of temporary lagoon closures due to sewage filtration issues, the township commissioned Cambium Environmental to study future septage disposal options.

Between 2002 and 2005 the township investigated construction of a new facility at either of the Maple Lake or Pine Springs landfill sites, but refrained due to public opposition and planning requirements. Cambium built on those studies in developing new options.

Until September 2012, haulers using the lagoon had reported their septage volumes. The lagoon issues led the township to conclude volumes may have been higher than reported and/or haulers from other municipalities might be using the lagoon without reporting use. The township implemented an appointment policy so staff could record volumes. Haulers stopped using the lagoon, citing inability to work within the appointment times.

Cambium found that the 10-year average rate of septage received at the lagoon is only about 50 per cent of the lagoon's design capacity and noted that, based on the haulers' self-reported volumes, it appeared the lagoon was actually being underutilized.

However, the township reported lagoon volumes decreased "substantially" during the past year, which "leads to the speculation that the lagoon system may have been operated over its operation capacity before the

appointment policy," Cambium noted. "It is unknown if the existing lagoon is functioning properly considering its perceived history of not operating at its design capacity and therefore being underutilized."

At township council's Oct. 3 meeting Cambium senior project manager Kevin Warner described alternate options for sewage disposal, outlined the costs of technical studies, assessed the options and presented recommendations.

Of nine options provided, Warner reported Cambium recommended two based on cost and suitability for disposal scale: dewatering trenches (\$180,000) or another lagoon system (\$350,000) constructed on adjacent Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) land. The costs are estimated and do not cover studies or land purchases.

Long, narrow dewatering trenches are designed to dehydrate septage prior to disposing of the resulting solids through removal to an approved landfill or further processing for land application. Trenches could be used as a separate system or as a secondary process following settling of septage in the existing lagoon.

According to the report, the sandy soils in the adjacent MNR lands appear to be favourable for either option, there are no adjacent land owners or sensitive ecological features close to the lagoon, and the historical use of the existing lagoon would likely reduce public opposition to construction of a similar, adjacent disposal site.

Staff has been discussing the possibility of adjacent land acquisition with the MNR for several months and reported approval for soil testing had already been granted.



Photo submitted by the Township of Algonquin Highlands
The McClintock septage lagoon in May.

The consultant recommended studies to determine whether the lagoon's exfiltration rate correlates to its design capacity and confirm the suitability of adjacent lands, and advised a class environmental assessment will be required.

Councillors asked numerous questions about determining the filtration problem at the lagoon and about the two alternate options, addressing feasibility, environmental safety, sustainability, cost and other concerns.

Council directed staff to initiate further studies to determine the most suitable solution for septage management as identified in the report and deferred the matter to 2014 budget deliberations, which begin in November.

"There's clearly no mad rush," said Reeve Carol Moffatt. "We're not about to come to the end of the life of our septage [lagoon] at the moment."

Miners wanted for Highlands East cultural project

By Will Jones
Contributing writer

Calling all ex-miners and their families, the municipality of Highlands East wants to talk to you.

Local resident and artist Gary Blundell has been contracted by the municipality to research and collate information, images, and artifacts relating to the area's mining heritage as part of the Highlands East cultural plan. He believes the best way of doing this will be to talk to the people involved in the industry or who know those who once were.

"I'm really interested to talk to people and find out the untold stories of the mines in the area," says Blundell. "I'm looking for the information, anecdotes, and pictures that exist outside of published books. There has to be lots out there and I hope there are people willing to talk to me about it."

Blundell was approached by the municipality after Jim Blake, who is part of the Highlands East cultural plan steering committee, saw his exhibition, Bituminous Illuminations, at the Rails

End Gallery. In it, Blundell exhibits paintings from his tour of British collieries alongside artifacts from mining in Haliburton County.

Blundell has since been charged with collecting information connected to the mines and associated operations such as the railways, in Highlands East, Paudash, Irondale and Harcourt. When complete, his findings will be presented to the municipality and an online exhibit will be created.

"The process is to find out just what is out there, to see if there is public interest in this important part of our local history, and then to consider taking the next step and creating a physical mining heritage museum," says Blundell. "First though, I have to put together the report for the steering committee to evaluate. I'm really looking forward to talking to people about our mining heritage so please get in touch."

If you want to meet Blundell in person he will be at the Rails End Gallery from 12 to 4 p.m. on Oct. 12. He can also be reached by telephone at 705-447-3418, or e-mail at garyandvic65@yahoo.com.



Photo by Will Jones
Gary Blundell at his exhibition, Bituminous Illuminations, at the Rails End Gallery.

Highlander news

County to make public spaces more accessible

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing writer

The county's annual accessibility plan has become a five-year plan that includes a component for the design of public spaces such as parks and walkways.

The 2013-2017 Multi Year Joint Accessibility Plan provides for accessibility improvements in the county and all four lower tier municipalities.

"The [county's] five-year plan now incorporates the physical aspects of parks, walking trails, boat launches et cetera to accessibility, and this being the first year for the standard, [this] allows each municipality to inventory and identify barriers in public spaces that may need to be addressed," says county deputy clerk Angela Balle.

Provincial legislation governing accessibility was developed in 2001 under the Ontarians with Disabilities Act (ODA).

"At that time the county and the municipalities formed the Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee and their mandate at the time was to identify barriers to physically accessing municipal and county-owned buildings," says Balle. "These barriers were documented and put into the accessibility plan along with expected dates for completion based on budget and staff requirements."

County committee members include a councillor from each municipality and four public appointees. Chaired by councillor Bill Davis, the committee works with staff in each tier, including Balle, to ensure barriers to access are identified and addressed.

In 2005 the province developed the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) with a mandate to have the entire province be completely accessible by 2025. It is believed that once the AODA is fully implemented it will replace the ODA.

In total, five standards for accessibility have now been developed and in some cases legislated under the AODA and related

policies: built environments (now including designs for public spaces), customer service, information and communications, transportation, and employment. Plans now must also encompass five years.

Many of the county plan's 27 projects slated for completion by 2017 include ongoing work such as monitoring service levels and coordination opportunities for transportation for people with physical disabilities.

One-time items to be completed beginning this year include installing accessible outdoor toilets in the Hawk River change rooms (Algonquin Highlands), reviewing the installation of ramps at Eagle Lake and other Dysart et al parks, constructing a special washroom in the new Wilberforce Public Library (Highlands East) and building ramps to the Minden Hills Fairgrounds stage.

The document also includes plans to liaise with and provide information to the county's business community regarding changes to accessibility legislation affecting the private sector, and to create an inventory of accessible businesses.

The committee has also noted 65 projects completed since 2001. These include surveys for completion by businesses and people with disabilities about the accessibility of non-municipal areas, conducting reviews of barrier awareness at various businesses, creating an Accessibility Standards for Customer Service brochure for businesses, and providing accessibility customer service training (2011 Winter Games, municipalities, Canoe FM, Northland Faith Church).

Members of the committee also reviewed plans for a facility proposed for the 2015 Pan American Games at the Minden White Water Preserve, and have begun talking with schools about the possibility of the Barrier Aware Team making accessibility awareness presentations to students.

The new five-year accessibility plan will be posted to the county website and circulated to public library branches and municipal offices.



Photo by Ashley Campbell

The county's new five-year joint accessibility plan includes constructing a special washroom at the new Wilberforce Public Library.

Zoning bylaw finally adopted

The Algonquin Highlands comprehensive zoning bylaw has passed without fanfare despite controversial changes protested at two recent public meetings. Council made changes to items such as lot development coverage, minimum lot sizes in rural

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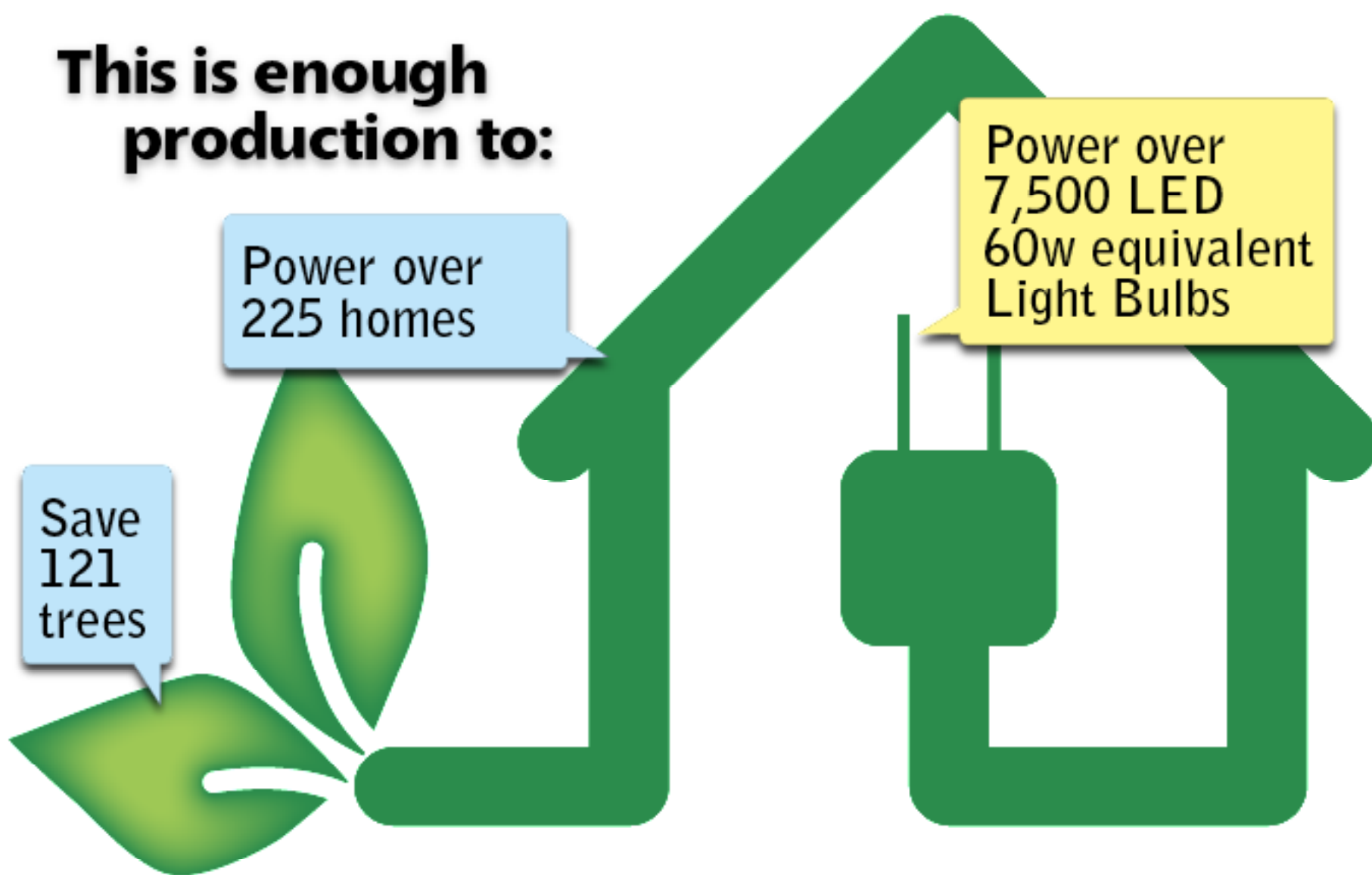
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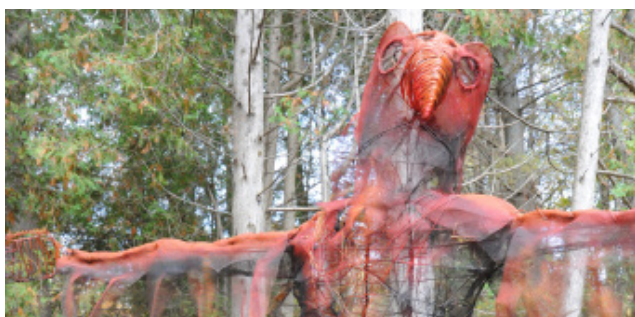
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Clockwise from top left: Visitors take a close look at the work of local artist Charles O'Neil at his studio. A couple of wire birds can be found on the lawn at the studio of Eagle Lake artist Charles O'Neil. Dozens of visitors browse the work of glass artist Lia Howe. A life-size wire sculpture at Bent Offerings Studio.

Studio Tour visitors up from 2012

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The 26th annual Haliburton County Studio Tour got off to a great start on the weekend of Oct. 5, according to several participating artists.

"Our numbers were up from last year, with steady crowds both days," said potter Rickie Woods, who has been on the tour since its inception. "Sunday was one of our best Sundays ever, with lots of new people."

Although Sunday's weather impacted traffic to her studio, textile artist Laura Trach had several new visitors stop by.

"On Saturday we had slightly more people than we did last year, not quite as many on Sunday because of the rain," said Trach. "We had lots of new folks, with lots of folks from out

of town, as well as from outside of Canada."

Lynn Murray and Anne Thornton-Trump, owners of Two Sisters Studio, said they had 1,000 people show up on Saturday and 300 on Sunday.

Glass artist Lia Howe also experienced a successful first weekend.

"I see a few [people] that come back year after year," said Howe. "There's been a lot of people that I recognize."

Howe said the tour is a great way to expose people to the local arts scene and educate them about each artist's craft.

"I have people who plan their vacation around the first two weeks of October so they can do the Studio Tour as part of their visit. They plan it as their yearly vacation."

First-time visitor Matt Dewar was

blown away by the level of quality of art on the tour.

"Everything involves so much work," said Dewar, a Toronto resident. "It's all very intricate and beautiful."

Dewar's wife and father own a cottage in the area.

"There's a variety [of work]. Everything you can possibly imagine."

Marjorie Malcolm of Grand Bend stumbled upon the tour with some friends while visiting the Highlands for a wedding anniversary.

"It's amazing," said Malcolm, who was perusing the work of Charles O'Neil at his studio in Eagle Lake. "I've never seen this wire art before."

The tour concludes this coming weekend (Oct. 12-13).

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Sunny Side Up

The first thing Laura noticed was the counter. It reminded her of the old Woolworth's lunch counter from her childhood. Many a pleasant Saturday was spent twisting on the stools that ran along that counter, as she savoured a butterscotch sundae stopped with whipped cream and a maraschino cherry. It was amazing what twenty-five cents could buy in 1961.

But this was not Woolworth's or fifty years ago. It was today in Peterborough and Laura had just stepped into the East City Coffee Shop. Being a non-resident, Laura needed help finding her way around and her friend Matt had convinced her this was the best place for breakfast.

In addition to the counter and stools, four or five booths were tucked against the opposite wall, some occupied and others holding the remnants of their last customers. A balding grey-haired man with a large white apron bustled around clearing plates. Laura wasn't sure which was bigger: his booming greeting or the smile that accompanied it.

Immediately she felt this had been a good choice. The place was bright and clean-looking with a large plate glass window that looked out onto the street. All the cooking was done in full view behind the counter and Laura saw

bacon and split sausages spitting on the well-used grill. The aroma of sizzling meat combined with brewed coffee was irresistible and she felt her mouth water.

Choosing a booth near the front of the coffee shop they settled in to peruse the menu. It was short and to the point. Solely a breakfast and lunch business, the dishes were presented in straight-forward words without cute or pretentious descriptions. While they decided, the cheerful man who was obviously the proprietor and naturally had to have the name Joe, waited with pencil in hand.

Their order was then shouted to one of two cooks at the grill so that all the world knew what they were about to have for breakfast. Of the two cooks, Laura guessed the older woman to be the man's wife. She was about the same age and the food order appeared to be addressed to her. Never turning away from the grill, she began breaking eggs and reaching for bread. A much younger woman stood by watching and looking uncertain.

A steady banter bounced around the establishment. Joe kidded with what were obviously regular customers whom he knew by name. They in turn returned his impudence with exaggerated tongue-in-cheek insults

and sly looks. Joe's probable wife, still facing away from the room as she worked, shot comments and innuendoes back at Joe who grimaced and shook his head in mock horror. Laura could tell this was the normal order of life in the East City Coffee Shop.

In short order Joe plopped the food in front of Matt and Laura, the steam wafting up to her hungry nose. It smelled incredibly delicious. Eggs nestled beside sausages, toast and a mound of home-fried potatoes. How can such simple fare be so outstanding, wondered Laura as she washed down perfect easy-over eggs with the best coffee she'd had all week. Matt had raved in advance over the potatoes and he had not exaggerated. There was some kind of seasoning on the spuds that Laura could not place that raised the dish to new heights.

As they worked their way through their breakfast, a steady stream of people filed past them. Between the counter, the now-full booths and bagged take-out orders, the place hummed with activity. All the while Joe traded insults and greetings with everyone whether they wore business suits or tattoos crawled up and down both arms and legs.

Laura tried to imagine what life

must be like for this older couple. Perhaps they had come to Canada from Greece or Italy and worked like dogs to get established. There was that air about them, a no-nonsense work hard and you will succeed kind of aura that she had often seen in first-generation immigrants.

As she stood in front of the ancient cash register she saw that electronic payment was not an option. The figure that popped up on the register was meaningless, only allowing the cash drawer to open. Leaving a tip on the table, she headed for the door. With a wide grin Joe reminded her to come back and bother him again soon. She was already anticipating that day.



By Sharon Lynch



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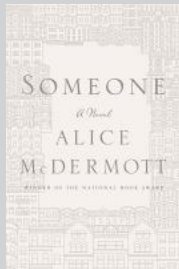
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Haliburton County's Hot Reads

The following are popular new additions to the Haliburton County Public Library's collection this week.



HCPL's TOP FICTION

1. *Someone* by Alice McDermott
2. *Police (Harry Hole #10)* by Jo Nesbo
3. *Something Borrowed, Someone Dead: an Agatha Raisin Mystery* by M.C. Beaton

HCPL's TOP NON-FICTION

1. *Still Foolin' 'Em: Where I've Been, Where I'm Going, and Where the Hell Are My Keys?* by Billy Crystal
2. *A Higher Call: An Incredible True Story of Combat and Chivalry in the War-Torn Skies of World War II* by Adam Makos
3. *The Spy Who Loved: The Secrets and Lives of Christine Granville* by Clare Mulley



HCPL's TOP JUNIOR TITLES

1. *Elegy (Watersong #4)* by Amanda Hocking (Young Adult)
2. *Happy Birthday, Chelsea!: a comic reader* by Mary Tillworth (Picture Book)

AUDIO and VIDEO at HCPL

1. *Iron Man 3* (DVD)
2. *Doctor Sleep* by Stephen King (Book on CD)

LIBRARY NEWS

Are you a new Mom? At the Dysart Branch the Mama Java group will be holding their first get together Oct. 11 at 10 a.m. in the Roberts' Room. Come for coffee and conversation.

Starting this week we are doing something a little different for Haliburton County's Hot Reads. In order to provide you with more variety, we'll be showcasing our most popular new additions to the HCPL collection, including junior titles, and other formats like video and audio. As always, you can find all of these titles at the Haliburton County Public Library.

Hostage movie tells real story

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Organizers of this year's Highlands International Film Festival (HIFF) have just confirmed they will be able to show 'Our Man in Tehran', a documentary about the 1979 Iran hostage crisis.

The film was first shown at the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) last month.

"We're just so thrilled we can get it and get it so early," said Tammy Rea, a member of the HIFF committee. "The fact that we can bring something that just showed at TIFF is really great. We're just loving the whole idea of telling the Canadian story."

The Academy Award-winning film *Argo* was based on the same story. It was criticized, however, for taking liberties with the facts of the incident. Our Man in Tehran sets the record straight, according to the TIFF website.

"It's just told through the interviews," Rea said. "They didn't need a narrator to hold it together."

Several of the people involved in the hostage crisis were interviewed for the film, including Canadian ambassador Ken Taylor, and *Affleck's* real-life character, Tony Mendez.

The filmmakers attempted to interview Jimmy Carter for the film, but weren't successful in arranging a time with him.

"You don't miss it," she said. "They had

so much of Jimmy Carter talking from the time period. They did a good job of putting the two pieces together, old footage and new footage."

Rea said moviegoers will love *Our Man in Tehran*.

"It's really well done. It gives a much more valid story than *Argo* does. It still talks about the American involvement."

Not only is the film going to showing at HIFF, but organizers confirmed the film's director, Drew Taylor, will be in the Highlands for the festival, possibly with others from the film.

"We do bring a lot of really great people [to the festival]," Rea said. "We try to bring people that we think will be a good conversation."

That being said, HIFF organizers were "shocked and surprised" that Taylor agreed to come.

"The film circuit is recognized as a pretty great way of getting your stuff out there," she said. "TIFF is fabulous at helping us get directors and producers, but they can't ever confirm them. We just find that the personal touch really helps, so we just get people's cards and we e-mail them."

Our Man in Tehran is being shown on Nov. 2. Taylor will speak at the showing. He will also be available at the gala being held afterwards at Hali's Bistro in Haliburton.

For more information, visit www.haliburton-movies.com.

Healthy arts create healthy communities, say studies

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing Writer

Of the estimated \$3 million county artists earn on their products annually, most comes from outside of the county and approximately \$1.5 million inflows to the local economy.

This glimpse into a report commissioned by Arts Council-Haliburton Highlands (ACHH) was provided during the Rural Communities: The Root to Health symposium held on Oct. 3 and 4 at the Minden Hills Community Centre.

Local potter Thom Lambert, an ACHH board and executive member, presented a workshop on the impact of the arts on economies and on health and well-being. His findings from several sources showed the arts contribute to strong economic, physical and mental health for their communities.

Lambert cited 2007 Statistics Canada studies showing culture brought \$85 billion

into the national economy and accounted for 1.1 million jobs, but he added the studies excluded areas such as ancillary spending (for example, hotel stays) and the value of volunteer contributions.

In 2010, people who attended arts venues such as galleries and concerts were more likely than those who didn't attend to report having very good or excellent health and mental health, to volunteer, and to know their neighbours, among other measurements (*The Arts and Individual Well-Being in Canada* (Hill Strategies Research Inc., 2013), based on Statistics Canada numbers).

The 2013 study *Performing Arts Attendance and its Positive Association with Health* (Canadian Arts Presenting Association) showed that "most people feel that their quality of life and sense of well-being are by having performing arts in their community, whether or not they attend a particular event".

"There are thousands of incredibly innovative projects going on right now with

people that you wouldn't characterize as having great satisfaction in life" that have demonstrated the beneficial impact of the arts on health, Lambert noted, giving dance programs in maximum security prisons and writing programs for HIV patients as examples.

"The question is, are we doing a good job at saying to those people who need a higher satisfaction in life, 'You really need to get into an art gallery'," said Lambert. "I don't think we are. Certainly in this community we aren't. As I did the research for this, one of the things that occurred to me is there's an entire set of partnerships between the arts community and the health community that we are not really taking advantage of right now and that's going to change I think in the next year."

Production of art as a positive influence on health is already well documented, said Lambert. "I think starting to look at the consumption of art as a positive impact on public health is...a new area for us to

advocate for."

Lambert concluded with tips on how to tap into the economic and social benefits of the arts, including identifying potential partners and benefits, bringing partners to the table, determining who can offer what, and filling in the gaps.

"That's one thing we've seen in Haliburton County is that every single partnership creates a new advocate, somebody that advocates for something they didn't even know really existed maybe two months ago, and all of a sudden...boom!"

The ACHH report will be released publicly within the next two months said Lambert. The next phase will be a more traditional study on economic contributions through such measures as ticket sales for performing arts.

The symposium was presented by the Ontario Healthy Communities Coalition (OHCC) and the Haliburton Communities in Action Committee. All presentations will be posted on the OHCC website.



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EMS director to retire in new year

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing Writer

County emergency medical services director Pat Kennedy has announced his retirement effective February 2014.

Formerly a small business owner, Kennedy joined the Dysart ambulance service in 1980 as a part-time volunteer, later moving to full-time and paid positions. During that time the county assumed responsibility for land ambulance services and Kennedy took the director's post in 2006. He says he had several goals at the time and has been able to check off most of them.

"Now I'm sort of at the point where the next phase...of emergency services here is probably going to take another four, five, six years, and I think it needs somebody else to take it in that direction," says Kennedy.

His high points include developing a public access defibrillator program (now with 41 sites and more than 1,300 residents trained), the 2012 provincial services review (the county reached some of its highest ratings to date), establishing the new Tory Hill base and adding a fourth ambulance to handle growing

need, and increasing skills and training opportunities, such as adding an intravenous training program last year.

"I've had great support from management, staff and from the paramedics themselves," says Kennedy. "That's probably the biggest thing, is that you can't move things forward without the support of staff and also support of councils. This is a big ticket area [in the budget]...and they've endorsed me all along. They haven't said no to me very often, which is certainly nice."

Kennedy says he'll miss the challenges.

"I love taking a challenge and trying to figure out how to make it work so I get a 'yes' answer," he says with a grin. He'll also miss the enthusiasm and camaraderie, and the fact that "every day is an exciting day, there's usually something that happens."

Future plans include taking some time off and doing a little fishing, and then creating a new checklist.

"I'm looking forward to becoming more involved in the community in volunteerism," says Kennedy. "There are some projects I'd like to undertake with some of the organizations here in the area."



Photo by Lisa Harrison

Pat Kennedy is retiring after 33 years with the ambulance service.

Highlands praised for rural development

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing Writer

Haliburton County was selected as the host venue for this year's provincial Healthy Communities symposium, and judging by comments during the event, the county is a model for best practices in several areas.

Rural Communities: The Root to Health was hosted by the Ontario Healthy Communities Coalition (OHCC) and the Haliburton Communities in Action Committee (CIA) on Oct. 3 and 4 at the Minden Hills Community Centre.

An estimated 100 people came to learn how local non-profit organizations are meeting common challenges faced by rural communities. Presentation and workshop themes included transportation and food initiatives and affordable housing.

Keynote speaker Wayne Caldwell addressed building healthy communities through healthy local economies. Caldwell is a professor of rural planning and director of the School of Environmental Design and Rural Development at the University of Guelph.

Caldwell outlined seven key elements to success for rural communities that include leadership, partnerships, resiliency and localization.

"We see the relatively great proliferation of farmers' markets across the province and to me that's an indicator of the potential that can occur through [localization]," said Caldwell. "So when I drive around downtown Minden, I see lots of good things happening, and people here may not see it that way, but I compare it with other towns and villages that I work with in other parts of the province."

In the plenary session on the Haliburton County Community Co-operative (HCCC), president Jim Blake outlined the co-op's origins 15 years ago, how it works, the benefits of a co-op and how to start one.

Among the HCCC's 13 current initiatives are Dusk Dances Haliburton, the U-Links Centre for Community-based Research, the CIA, and Canada's first Symposium for Performing Arts in Rural Communities (SPARC). Blake said presentation entries for the April 2014 event are arriving from as far away as Scotland and the Philippines.

Blake presented seven HCCC principles that include member economic participation

and autonomy and independence. He advised listeners co-op development should be slow but nimble, each project group should have clear terms of reference, and the co-op should not run the projects.

"We will do nothing unless there is a dedicated group of people who say, 'We will run this. We will take responsibility for it. This is what we want to do'...Then the board of directors can support it," said Blake.

The symposium concluded with tours and workshops at Minden's Riverwalk, Haliburton's Head Lake Trail and Sculpture Forest, Haliburton County Farmers' Market and Abbey Gardens Food Hub.

Participant Alan Engelstad, co-chair of the Social Infrastructure team of the Fenelon Falls Business Retention and Expansion process, said his group wanted to "understand how to create social infrastructure that would foster community initiatives."

"We were quite impressed by the Haliburton Community Cooperative as it seemed to provide a central piece of the puzzle," said Engelstad. "We were also impressed by the fact that some vital initiatives, like Places for People, found their

own way forward. The fact that there were over 50 arts events over the summer was quite impressive. All in all, the impression was that Haliburton is a vibrant community and an attractive place to live."

The CIA estimated about 35 per cent of symposium participants were public health professionals, while lower percentages represented community-based organizations, community health centres, municipalities and consultancies.

"About 90 per cent of our attendees were from out of town and most spent at least one night in local accommodation," said CIA chair Sue Shikaze, a health promoter with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit. "So the event practiced what it preached and generated some economic activity as well."

The OHCC is a registered charity established in 1992 to support various groups, coalitions and networks working on healthy community initiatives in Ontario.

The CIA was formed in 2004 to create healthy active communities and has become a pilot and best practice model for implementing active transportation strategies in a rural context.

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MacLean honoured for community service

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

The final Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal for the Haliburton area has been awarded to Malcolm MacLean.

Member of Parliament Barry Devolin dropped in on MacLean at Canoe FM on Oct. 9 to present the award.

"I decided I would honour those who served those who serve," Devolin said while on the air. "In each Legion there's one or two or three people who work endlessly to make the place function. I jokingly say if you need a key to get into a Legion somewhere, there's usually someone you call. That's the person I'm talking about."

MacLean received the award for this dedication to community service, particularly for his involvement with the Minden Legion. "You are appreciated for what you do,"

Devolin told MacLean. "It's not surprise that many legions across the country have been struggling the last few years with different issues, but that's the time a few people have stepped up and really made a difference."

The Minden Legion's first vice-president, Lee Train, said MacLean is always on the go.

"Malcolm has always worked for the Legion," he said. "I can go to him anytime for guidance."

MacLean was thrilled to receive the award.

"This award is a real honour," he said.

"Through volunteering, I've met so many people who have enriched my life."

The message, he said, is to get out and volunteer.

"It's good for your health and it keeps you young."

The medal will be shared with his partner, Lee MacLean.

"Thank you so much [to] my partner, Lee," he said. "The reality is she usually walks ahead of me in volunteering. She always walks beside me, working together to get stuff done."

MacLean said Haliburton County is a wonderful community to be part of, largely because of the volunteers.

"Our work is valuable," he said, sending his message across the airwaves. "You are valuable. Every time you volunteer, even an hour, you're given a priceless gift to the community."



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Malcolm MacLean (middle) with his wife Lee, receives a Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal from MP Barry Devolin.

Seniors talks across county

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

With most events taking place in Haliburton and Minden, CARP Chapter 54's mobile lecture series, called Live, Laugh and Learn, is designed to bring important information on relevant topics to the surrounding communities.

"[The lectures] are fun and informative for seniors," said Chapter 54 chair Bob Stinson. "The whole gist of the program is to get things out into the communities that don't have those opportunities to get to Minden or Haliburton to see these things."

A lot of the topics are covered in regular CARP meetings, and then brought out into the communities of Dorset, Wilberforce, Bancroft and Kinmount. There are no fees and everyone is welcome to attend.

Topics include travel talk, an introduction to the county's library, staying safe on the internet, social media, and more.

Community partners such as Community Care Haliburton County and the Haliburton County Public Library attend each of the talks as well to provide information to seniors and answer questions.

However, poor attendance in the early going of the series has Stinson concerned for its sustainability.

"[Community partners] make the effort to come out to the things," he said. "We're concerned if we don't keep up attendance,

these people won't see the point in coming."

The goal is to get around 50 people to each lecture, however the attendance has been between five and 15 through the first three.

"We can't afford to keep going to Dorset for five people, and we can't afford to keep going to Bancroft for a dozen."

The chapter has only been in operation for a year. Stinson said with such a large catchment area, which extends beyond county borders, membership and participation should increase in these communities.

"It should grow, it's just off to an awfully slow start."

Funding for the series is from a New Horizons for Seniors grant the chapter received last spring. It expires after the last lecture on Nov. 12, 2014. Stinson said New Horizons likes to fund things that are sustainable, and therefore there won't be any more money for this series.

"We want to be able to continue this if we can," he said. "If we don't get a buildup in attendance by the end of it, that'll be it. We can't afford to keep doing it."

If you're interested in attending a Live, Laugh and Learn lecture, the next one is on Oct. 31 in Wilberforce at the Lloyd Watson Centre at 1 p.m. Speakers are Sue Robinson on the Haliburton County Public Library, and Linda Conebeare on travelling.

For more information on CARP Chapter 54, visit www.carp.ca/haliburton.

A flexible way to volunteer

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

SIRCH is changing the way people think about volunteerism.

"What I'm saying to people is what's the little thing for you that's easy to do, so that when somebody needs help with that, we can call you and use your strengths," said Shanthi Bascombe, coordinator for SIRCH's Need a Hand program. "I'm been trying to attract a younger generation of volunteers."

Bascombe said a barrier with young volunteers is the idea of making a huge commitment.

"In their minds, signing up for a volunteer is a bigger thing than just lending a hand to your neighbour," she said.

But that's what the Need a Hand program is all about.

"You get to tell us what you like to do, when you're available, and let us call you for those things."

Volunteers donate up to two hours of their time each month. After that, they can register to be workers and earn a wage, or continue to volunteer their time which some choose to do.

"There's a movement here," Bascombe said. "Traditionally volunteers have been a certain age group who have retired

and have time in their lives to volunteer. What we're talking about is you do work full time, you do have a busy life, and we're not asking you to give up a whole bunch of time... we're asking what would you do to help somebody out."

When volunteers sign up for the program, Bascombe has them complete a list with their skills and things they enjoy doing. They then participate in a two-hour orientation session which contains sensitivity training and prepares volunteers for different types of situations.

"What makes your heart sing? We'll find you someone who needs that."

The Need a Hand program is flexible in terms of the types of work that you do and the hours you put in, which, for Bascombe, is a game-changer when recruiting younger volunteers. The benefits are clear, she said.

"Volunteering is a way we start getting to know each other and build community. [It's] building bridges between people who wouldn't otherwise know each other."

The Need a Hand program is looking for more volunteers, particularly people who can do heavy lifting and friendly visits. For more information, contact Bascombe at 705-457-1742.

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Success for first Stewardship Youth Rangers

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing writer

The first year of a new youth ranger program in Algonquin Highlands has been highly successful, judging by comments from staff and the students themselves.

The Stewardship Youth Ranger Program (SYRP) is a summer employment day program for 17-year-olds created by the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) following the closure of two other programs: Stewardship Council Rangers and Ontario Rangers, formerly Junior Rangers.

The Frost Centre in Algonquin Highlands

was one of the locations for the original overnight Ontario Rangers program in which students helped the township maintain its Haliburton Highlands Water Trails, hiking trails and ski trails programs for two to three days each week.

To avoid the loss of student support, the township applied to host the new program and was approved as a paid MNR partner for four rangers and a crew leader.

"Certainly with having five bodies, five sets of hands available five days a week for eight weeks, there was a significant effort," said Mark Coleman, township parks, recreation and trails manager. "We've been getting

busier every year since we've been doing [trails management] so it's helped alleviate that pressure without us potentially having to consider more staff resources."

The rangers maintained hiking trails, campsites, portages and the Dorset Lookout Tower. They also reconstructed boardwalks and bridges, built picnic tables, enhanced parkettes, and painted and stocked firewood for the ski trails office.

The program's educational component included tours of Abbey Gardens, Green Mantle Farms, Dorset Environmental Centre and the Kinark Outdoor Centre. The rangers also presented informative talks on relevant

topics of their choice such as sustainable trail building and permaculture.

In a report to council, the rangers thanked the township for hosting the program.

"We are proud to be a part of Algonquin Highlands's first ranger team, and look forward to seeing it continue in the future," stated the rangers.

Coleman agreed.

"Hopefully that funding will continue to come forward in the future... There were no concerns expressed by MNR. They were quite impressed with our final report."



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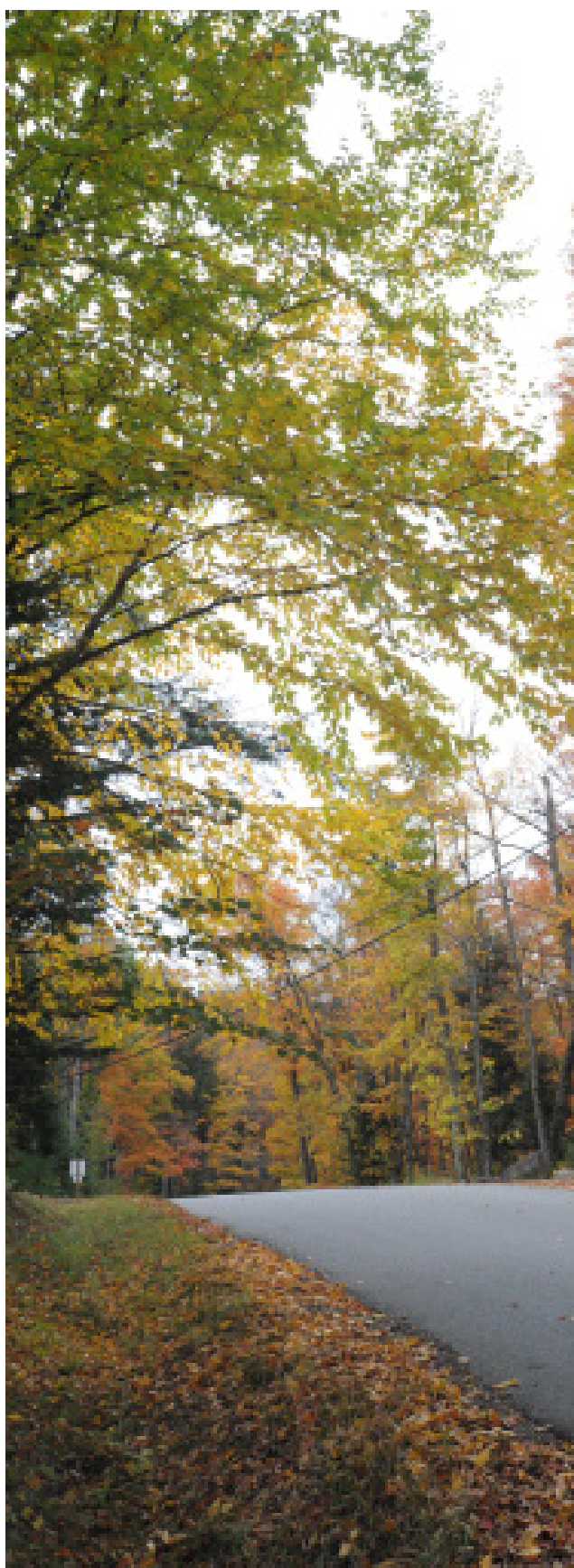
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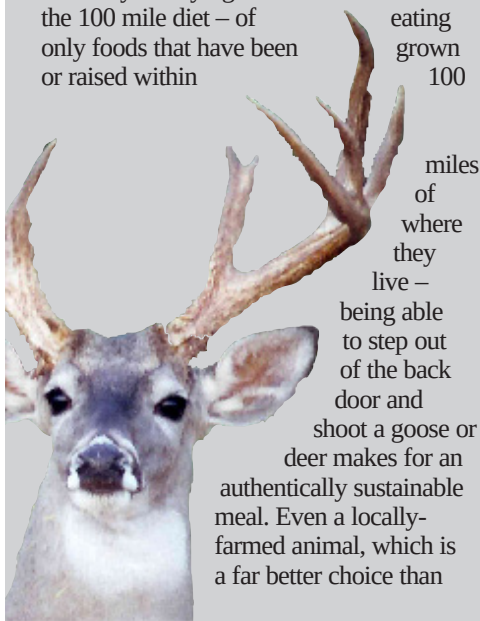
Food for **Thought**
By Will Jones

Hunting: the ethical alternative

As the fall colours brighten all around us, the reds and yellows of the maple and birch become dotted with orange: hunter orange.

Yes, fall brings with it the hunting season. The first species to be targeted is bear, then goose, grouse and duck, followed by moose and deer. And, while some may see the hunting and killing of these animals and birds as a bloody folly, I submit that the hunting of wild game is a wonderful source of ethically sourced, truly local food.

For anyone trying to stick to eating only foods that have been grown or raised within 100



miles of where they live – being able to step out of the back door and shoot a goose or deer makes for an

authentically sustainable meal. Even a locally-farmed animal, which is a far better choice than

grocery store meat, has more than likely been transported at least as far as Lindsay to be slaughtered and then been driven back again before being sold.

For those trying to eliminate foreign chemicals from their diet, the average moose steak is a sure bet if you want meat that is free from growth enhancing hormones, steroids, antibiotics or pesticides. There is no intensive farming in the bush and the fodder that the grazers and omnivores eat is pretty much all as organic as the maple saplings, lily roots and wild blueberries that grow in the forest, marsh and fields that you see from your window.

For people worried about the First World nations' rape of Third World land and resources, no mallard or bear killed in Haliburton has been intensively reared on land slashed and cleared from virgin forest in South America. Wild game, be it big or small, needs the forest cover, the beaver pond to survive; try to change that ecosystem and the birds and mammals move on or die out.

But hunting is not that easy a sell for many people and that is understandable. They focus on the death and more gruesome aspects such as gutting and cleaning a carcass. They ask: why do we need to go out and kill wild animals when millions are raised specifically for

our consumption? They worry about wild animals killed by trophy hunters who are only interested in mounting a head on their wall. They see the natural beauty that surrounds them in the Highlands being ravaged by groups of trigger happy idiots on a killing spree.

In all honesty, there are some of these idiots out there. But, by and large hunters are considerate of their surroundings and understand that looking after the game and its habitat is important. When undertaken in a respectful and ethical manner like this hunting is, in my opinion, a valuable way of putting meat on the table and doing it in a way that has little impact upon either the immediate or wider environment. In fact, in many areas the hunting fraternity leads the way in the conservation of our natural environment.

As for the animals that are hunted, they lead a natural 'happy' life, something that cannot be said for the majority of industrially farmed beasts or birds. Until the time of their death they have been doing what their species is meant to do. They have had access to light and their natural food source. Their breeding has not been tampered with in order to promote larger, leaner, tastier cuts, to the detriment of their other faculties (take for example breeds of chickens that now grow so quickly that

their hearts and legs can't stand the speed with which they gain weight). And the numbers of wild animals that are killed each fall are managed very effectively. Gone are the days when you could go out and shoot anything at anytime. The hunting seasons are incredibly short, just a few weeks in most cases. And, as moose numbers have declined over the last few years (affected predominantly by climate change and habitat destruction) serious restrictions have been put on the number of animals that can be shot, or harvested if you will, in Haliburton County and throughout southern Ontario.

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Hunting is not for everyone. Hunting is, however, a great way to source truly local food. Just remember, if and when you do kill something please respect that animal by not wasting an ounce of its meat.

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Photos submitted by Barbara Davies
Left: Desi Davies, a Grade 5 student at Wilberforce Elementary, crosses the finish.
Above: Students line up to start their race.

Through fields and woods

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Student athletes from Cardiff and Wilberforce Elementary Schools were in Lindsay last week to participate in a school board-wide cross-country run.

"Our athletes did very well," said Barbara

Davies, acting vice-principal of Cardiff Elementary. "Everyone completed the race, with only a few scrapes and bruises."

Over 1,000 students participated in the run, with about 200 students in each division.

Veronica Beynon, Jocelyn Winter, and Hailey Winter ran for Cardiff. Sydney Little and Desi Davies ran for Wilberforce.



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Photos by Matthew Desrosiers

Top: The Red Hawks celebrate after a hard-fought win. Above: Matthew O'Reilly ready to make the tackle.

Tough seniors triumph in home opener

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

When passing the ball wasn't working, the Red Hawks turned to their ground game.

And it was unstoppable.

The senior Red Hawks took down the St. Peter Catholic Secondary School Saints 19-7 during their home opener on Oct. 3.

"We won because we were tougher," said senior football coach Tom Davies. "We out-manned them, out-blocked them, and that's why we won the football game."

The game started out with the Red Hawks unable to get their passing game going. Recognizing his team was getting good

blocks out front, Davies gave the ball to Tom Paul who ran for all three Red Hawk touchdowns.

Play after play, Paul received the ball, put his head down and kept his feet moving behind his blockers who cleared the way. He scored his first touchdown with 3:37 left in the first half to put the Red Hawks on the board.

Although the Saints were looking for Paul on the field, they couldn't manage to stop him.

But he wasn't the only story on this day.

"Our defense played well," Davies said.

With 36 seconds left in the first half, the defense forced a fumble and recovered the

ball. On the next play, Paul received the hand-off and took the ball wide. He scored his second touchdown off the 20-yard run, which was all made possible by the Red Hawks' physical defensive unit.

The Saints were able to score a touchdown of their own in the second half, but that's all the defense would give them. In the fourth quarter, the Red Hawks pushed the Saints back to their own five-yard-line. The defense was able to keep the Saints pinned in, forcing a punt.

With only 3:41 left in the game, Paul once again punched into the end zone from four yards out, putting the final nail in the Saints' coffin.

"Playing against Kenner, a much stronger opponent physically, last week certainly helped us in the game today," Davies said. "I just think we out-blocked them."

While the Red Hawks dominated the game against the Saints, Davies said there's still a lot of work to do. Special teams were a problem for the Red Hawks, with players struggling to catch the football in mid-air during kick-offs and punt returns.

"We're happy with the 2-1 start [to the season], but we could have played better today," he said. "Certainly our passing game I think can improve [and] crisp up a little bit for next time out."

Highlander sports

Hawks lose 2-0 in soccer struggle

By Warren Riley
Sports writer

It was an uphill battle for the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Red Hawks soccer team as they fought the Crestwood Mustangs on Oct. 7.

The match was a struggle for the Hawks from the beginning.

In the first half, Crestwood scored on a breakaway after the Red Hawks left the middle wide open. Hawk defenders were absent in the centre allowing the Mustangs to cut through the defense and score a goal.

The Hawks saw their mistake and tried desperately to get the ball back. They had a few good chances but unfortunately failed to score. The goal by Crestwood gave their team momentum and ended the first half 1-0.

At the end of the second half, Crestwood took advantage of the same scenario, an open middle field, and scored again making the final score 2-0 Mustangs.

Hawks coach Rob Gervais didn't think the score told the entire story.

"We were much more aggressive on the ball this game than we have on any of the other games," he said. "We played a very good ball possession team and we played them well. I think they were a little worried towards the end."

"We had great contributions from our defenders in particular our middle defenders Del Myers and Tristan Rogers. Our defensive efforts were, as a whole, very good and we were looking to do more stuff on offense. Now things are starting to happen. The little guys are starting to talk to each other and starting to look a little more fluid on offense."

Gervais agreed that Crestwood had more ball possession during the first half contributing to the Mustangs' first goal.

"They carried the ball more than we did as they are a possession team. We had a couple of great runs from Rogers that helped carry the ball up and put pressure on in the first half. And I think with those runs it got the guys a little more into it and more aware."

The second half saw the Red Hawks come to life but not enough to get on the scoreboard.

"We arranged at the toss that we would have the stronger side of the field during the second half. We played a 4-2-2 (four defenders, two mid, two forwards) to put a little more pressure on Crestwood. We were able to do that because we have Myers who has speed to track down so that did carry some things for us."

Next game is Oct. 10 at HHSS against Thomas A. Stewart.



Photos by Warren Riley

Top: Red Hawk Preston Roberts fights for ball possession. Above: Red Hawk Taylor Robotham jumps over the Crestwood goalie.

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Highland Storm Hockey

Bantam AE

Submitted by Jon Petrie

Highland Storm Bantam AE's met with Port Carling for the first time this season at home on Oct. 4. Although this was Port Carling's A team, the teams were fairly evenly matched. Port Carling put the pressure on early but Storm goalie Ryan Hannah was up to the task and the team was able to withstand the early going. By mid-period the tide had turned. Zak Shantz passed back to Ryan Manning at the blue line and his shot made its way to the back of the net through a screen of players. Shortly after Trevor Turner poked in a rebound from Alec Stoughton under the Post Carling goalie but 20 seconds later Port Carling came back to bring the score within one. With less than a minute left in the first, Alex Petrie passed back to Alex Wilbee off the face-off to restore the two goal lead.

It was a dismal start to the second period and the Storm were forced back on their heels. Port Carling scored two identical goals to tie it up after wrap-around attempts were foiled but supported by pressure in front.

In the third, Mitch Billings received a pass from Jake Bull and followed his own rebound on the power-play and a few minutes later Matt Manning fed Ben Schmidt whose high wrist shot brought the lead to 5-3. A last minute goal by Port Carling made for a tense final few seconds but the Storm withstood the pressure to remain undefeated.

On Sunday, the Huntsville Otters travelled to Minden to face our boys for the second time this season. The game was a fast-paced, penalty-filled affair and showed a much-improved squad who were blown out by the Storm the first time they met. The Storm scored two goals late in the first period to give themselves a cushion that they would never relinquish. Ryan Prentice started it off from the blue line after Ben Schmidt won the draw back to Prentice in the Otter end zone. Two minutes later Ryan Manning dug the puck out from behind the net and fed Dylan Freake who popped it in to make it 2-0.

The Storm were forced to kill off several penalties in the second and Ryan Hannah stood on his head to keep the Otters off the board. In a disturbing trend that has shown up in several Storm games, Huntsville finally scored on a power play with less than two minutes left to bring the game to within one. Although Huntsville pulled their goalie, Alex Petrie secured the win by potting an empty-netter with just under a minute left. This promising squad will need to display a killer instinct if they want to guarantee wins without the dramatics of empty net goals in the final minutes.

Midget B Girls

Submitted by Dan Marsden

The Minden Car Quest Midget B Highland Storm girls' hockey team started their 2013 - 14 season at home Friday night hosting the Ennismore Eagles. The Eagles came

out flying and surprised the Storm squad, who were slow out of the gates. Ennismore scored an early first period goal that found its way through Connor Marsden. The Storm rebounded and finished strong with a more confident effort, scoring six unanswered goals to secure the home win. Alicia McLean tallied with two and singles went to Maddie Billings, Kelsey Maracle, Brynn Meyers and Sidney Feir. Kenndal Marsden chipped in with a hat-trick of helpers. Great way to start the season, ladies.

On Sunday afternoon, the Storm welcomed the North York Storm into the new A.J. LaRue ice pad. The Highland Storm squad put practice into action and took their offensive attack to North York. The Highland Storm proved to be a hurricane compared to the weather system that arrived from the south as they easily handled North York with a 8-0 win. A better effort and more confidence was the difference in this game as the Highland Storm were never really challenged. Goal scoring highlights went to Alicia McLean, who sniped four, and Kelsey Maracle and Kenndal Marsden, each scoring two beauties. Connor Marsden secured the shut-out turning away all North York shooters.

Great early season efforts ladies. Prepare for our Thanksgiving tilt against Durham West on the road Saturday afternoon against the Lightning – they will be a bigger test for us. Next home game is Friday, Oct 18 at 7p.m. in Minden vs Ennisomore.

Atom AE

Submitted by Trevor Maddock

Saturday afternoon, the Highland Storm Atom AE team visited the astonishing Canada Summit Center to face the Huntsville Otters, a team whose continuity and sound play was obvious from the on-set.

The game began with the Storm steadily under siege, a direct result of Huntsville's forecheck, thwarting the Storm's efforts to clear the zone with pinch after pinch. The return of Ava Smith to the defensive corps, and the fine play of speedy defenseman Hunter Winder, helped keep the Otters off the board and solidify the house defense, a concept introduced by Head Coach Rich Smith. The Otters finally got one past the Storm's goalie, Darian Willis, who stood on his head making 40 saves for the game. The team was never really able to transition to offense and the period ended with the Storm down 3-0.

Within the first six minutes of play the second, the two teams traded goals making the score 4-1. The Storm's goal breathed a bit of life into the team. Ben Robinson showed soft hands with the goal, with Jaylin Frost and Emily Alexander assisting. The period saw most of the play in the Highland Storm's end. Having trouble exiting their defensive zone, and the Otters eventually added another to increase the lead to 5-1 going into the third.

When the Storm managed to avoid the collapsing Otters defense they were successful, scoring goals at a 33 per cent rate, but were eventually out-shot 46-9

for the game. Early in the third Ava Smith scored with a blast from the point, catching the opponents off guard. Assisting were Alexander and Sterling Nesbitt. The Storm grasped all the momentum provided from that goal, and put the impressive Huntsville team on their heels. At times they appeared scrambled. A great team effort produced just six minutes later, this time off the stick of Ty Mills, went high on the Otters goalie. Owen Harrison and Ava Smith got the helpers.

The intensity rose as the scoreboard read 5-3 and signified the closest the Storm were to tying their challenging adversaries. The period continued with both teams engaging firmly, trading scoring chances, and entertaining the loud audience with the superb efforts on display. Eventually the Otters netted another with just over a minute left to play, and rounded out the victory 6-3. Great effort team and better luck next time!

Novice

Submitted by Ron Hall

The Highland Storm Novices headed to Gravenhurst for their first game against the South Muskoka bears on Oct. 4. Thanks to a slow start, the Bears were able to attack the net and come up with five goals in the first period. The Storm regrouped going into the second but fell short with the bears scoring another four goals. The storm tried their best with shot after shot, but they didn't get any breaks. The Bears scored another four to make the final score 13-0.

On Oct. 5 the Mariposa Lightning came to Haliburton. The Lightning opened up the scoring in the first. Both teams battled back and forth with Gage Hutchinson scoring to tie it up. Damon Harriss was doing everything but stand on his head to keep the puck out. The two teams went into the second period tied at one. Battling back and forth, Mariposa scored three unanswered goals to end the period leading 4-1. The Highland Storm fought back and tried their best to get one in the net but Mariposa sneaked another one in to end the game 5-1.

Peewee AE

Submitted by Jon Petrie

It was a long time in coming but finally the Highland Storm Peewee AE's opened their season at home on Saturday against the Oro Thunder. The game started off tentatively as each team struggled to get their legs going. An early penalty set the Storm back 1-0 but from that point forward our squad woke up and ratcheted up their game. Forechecking will be key to the success of this team and each line that rolled out forced the Oro defense to rush their plays and make costly errors. Before the end of the period, William Petrie came out from the corner and passed over to James Alexander who followed up his own rebound to even the score.

In the second period, it was all Storm as their relentless forecheck started to take its toll. James Alexander crossed the blue line and passed to Brady Baldry who

wristed in the first of his two goals on the day and Lexie Tait scored her first as a Storm player after a scramble in front. In the third, Braeden Robinson passed up to Brady Baldry who scored to make it 4-1.

On Sunday the team travelled to Huntsville to meet their old nemesis, the Otters. Our squad never got their legs going on this day and suffered for it. Storm goalie Jaxon Campbell made several keys saves early to keep it close in the first period but Huntsville's solid attack finally worn our unit down. It was 5-0 before Carter Bull forced a rebound from a Noah Black shot into the back of the net. In the third, James Alexander crossed the blue line and scored five-hole on the Huntsville goalie. Although the final score was 7-2, the team played much better in the third period but will definitely need to be firing on all cylinders to defeat Huntsville in the future.

Peewee A

Submitted by Larry Bukta

After winning two out of three pre-season games the Highland Storm Peewee A team took on Mariposa in the Minden arena on Saturday. It was a well-matched and fast-paced game but the Storm team came out on the losing end of a 4-2 result. Mariposa started with a goal in the first period on a scramble close to the net. Storm had some good shots on net but could not capitalize.

The second period started with Mariposa fending off pressure on a Highland Storm power-play. Mariposa then followed up with three goals including two power-play goals running up the score to 4-0. Benn MacNaull finally put Highland Storm on the scoreboard with a well-placed blocker side shot with just eight seconds remaining in the second period. Highland Storm battled back with good pressure in the third period but could not find the net until Owen Gilbert finally scored on a breakaway with just 44 seconds remaining in the game making it 4-2.



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Highlander sports



Red Hawks lose 48-41 against Griffins

By Warren Riley
Sports writer

In a close game between the Haliburton Highlands Red Hawks and the Thomas A. Stewart Secondary (TASS) Griffins, the scoring ran rampant. In the end, the Hawks fell short 48-41. Describing his disappointment with the refereeing, Red Hawk Collin Martin expressed his opinion of the game.

"I think we played pretty well," he said.

"There were a lot of calls that the referee didn't call against TASS but called against us. It certainly just wasn't gentlemanly."

The Red Hawks found success with their passing game.

"Our quarterback did a pretty good job today and is now more respected. I'm really glad of that."

Photo by Warren Riley

Mac Rider jumps out of the way of a tackle by a Griffins player. The Red Hawks fought hard but came up short against the Griffins, losing 48-41 and a fourth-quarter lead.

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The family of the late Jack Taylor wish to thank friends and neighbours, who were so supportive throughout Jack's illness. A special thanks to the Minden Curling Club who so willingly gave up their time to drive Jack back and forth to Barrie, without ever asking they were always there. They were a huge part of Jack's Emergency. We would also like to thank Rev. Max for the lovely service, the UCW for the great lunch and the Monk Funeral Home for guiding us through this difficult time. Thank you all for your donations, food, cards and kind words.
Sincerely, Winn Taylor and Family.

EVENTS



Walk, Bike & Be Active in Minden!

Come and tell us what you think about walking and cycling in and around Minden. What's working? What could be better? How could Minden be safer and more accessible for you to be active?

When: Wednesday, October 16th
7:30-9:30 pm

Where: Minden Community Centre

Refreshments will be provided.

For more information, please contact Sue Shikaze, at sshikaze@hkpr.on.ca or 457-1391.

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EVENTS

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Oct 26 - Beekeeping
Oct 26 - Wilderness Survival Skills
Nov 2 - WHMIS
Nov 2 - Fall Protection
Nov 2, 9 & 10 - Chainsaw Operator
Nov 2 - Adobe Photoshop
Nov 9 - GPS Map and Compass Skills
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Email: mapleview@on.aibn.com

Deadline for submission will be Thursday October 24, 2013 by 3 pm.

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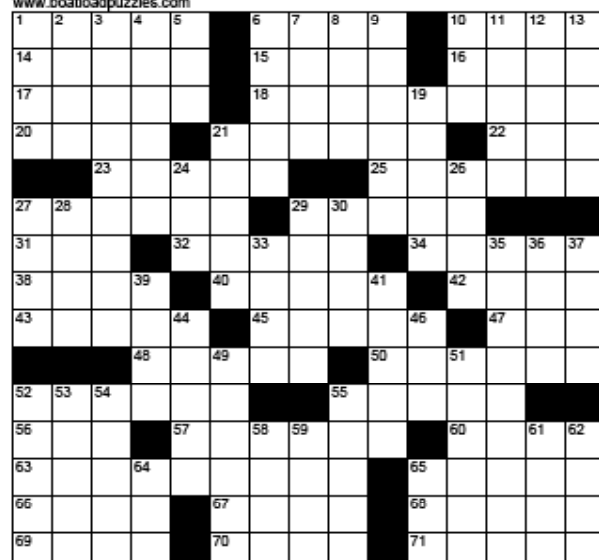
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ACROSS

1. Hay
6. Rock growth
10. Bright sign
14. The ones here
15. A Baldwin
16. Baseball's ____ Ruth
17. National bird
18. Makes again
20. Electrical cord
21. Pay attention
22. Detroit time zone (abbr.)
23. Ghostly
25. Worships
27. Savory pastry (2 wds.)
29. Pointed a gun
31. Key near Ctrl
32. Tiny insects
34. Students' tables
38. Cry
40. Meager
42. Rational
43. Lymph ____
45. Singer ____ John
47. Pull along
48. Window blind
50. Extends (a subscription)
52. Cast members
55. Strong metal
56. Comprehend
57. Functional
60. Paste
63. Unreadable
65. Artist's need
66. Associate
67. Mirth
68. Storage spot
69. Facial feature
70. Politician ____ Gingrich
71. Dentist's concern

DOWN

1. Brood
2. Bangkok native
3. Felt sorry about
4. Snoozing
5. Pint-sized
6. Scientist ____ Curie
7. Bullring shouts
8. Faction
9. Shriek
10. Hoop gp.
11. Devourer
12. Overweight
13. Birds' abodes
19. Discontinued
21. Mortgages
24. Oil-drilling equipment
26. Lyric verses
27. Chess piece
28. Butter's rival
29. Dickens title beginning (wds.)
30. Common contraction
33. Passed effortlessly
35. Orbiting object
36. Understand
37. Makes a dress
39. Acapulco coin
41. Rich dessert
44. Show indifference
46. Originally named
49. Appoint
51. Deny
52. Chinese, e.g.
53. Violin's kin
54. Narrates
55. Freezing rain
58. Ready, willing, and ____
59. Gusted
61. Single thing
62. Engrave with acid
64. Needle hole
65. Tap gently

Last week's puzzle solutions

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Fun Fact:

Most lipstick contains fish scales.

OCTOBER 2013 EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Pickleball – Haliburton Highlands Secondary School gym, 7-9:45 p.m. \$4 and must have clean, indoor court or running shoes. <div>10</div>	Cribbage - (every Friday) - Community Care @ 1 p.m., 705-457-2941 <div>11</div>	Thanksgiving dinner – Lloyd Watson Community Centre, 5 p.m. Adults are \$12, children under 12 are \$5 and preschoolers are free. Proceeds support the 2014 Wilberforce Fair. <div>12</div>	 <div>13</div>
MONDAY <div>14</div>	TUESDAY Minden Guides and Pathfinders meeting, 6:30-8 p.m. Contract Bridge – Minden United Church, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. Contact 705-286-1305. Euchre – West Guilford Community Centre, 7 p.m. <div>15</div>	WEDNESDAY Haliburton Skating Club registration – Dysart Arena, 6:30 p.m. <div>16</div>	THURSDAY Minden Sparks and Brownies meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. CFUW meeting – Fleming College, 7 p.m. Guest speaker Monika Melichar. A new issue of The Highlander hits the streets. Pick up your copy at over 80 locations! <div>17</div>
FRIDAY Cribbage - (every Friday) - Community Care @ 1 p.m., 705-457-2941 <div>18</div>	SATURDAY <div>19</div>	SUNDAY <div>20</div>	<div>21</div>

Send your not for profit events to ashley@haliburtonhighlander.ca for a free listing in our events calendar.

Local events listings available at your finger tips!

WHAT'S GOING ON AT YOUR LOCAL LEGION?

OCTOBER 10TH - 16TH

Haliburton Branch (705-457-2571)
General meeting, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Meat draw, Friday, 4:30 p.m.
50/50 draw, Saturday, 4 p.m.
Breakfast, 2nd & 4th Sunday, 9:30-1 p.m.
Bld Euchre, Wednesday, 1 p.m.
Bingo, Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Ladies Auxiliary meeting, last Thursday of month, 1 p.m.
Everyone is welcome!

Minden Branch (705-286-4541)
Lunch menu, every Monday to Friday from noon – 2 p.m.
Cribbage, Saturday, 1-3 p.m.
Seniors "B-d" Euchre, Tuesday, 1 p.m.
Meat Draw, Wednesday, lunchtime
Ladies Darts, Thursday, 1 p.m.
Euchre, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Fish/Wings & Chips, Friday from 5-7 p.m.
Mixed darts, Friday, 7:30 p.m.
NFL Sports Day, Sunday, noon – 5 p.m.

Wilberforce Branch (705-448-2221)
Community Care 55+ lunch, Friday, 705-448-2106 to book.
Pool, Friday, 1:30 p.m.
Jam session, Friday, 7 p.m.
Turkey shoot, Saturday, 10-2 p.m., 1776 Loop Rd.
Meat draw, Saturday, 2 p.m.
L.A. Breakfast, Sunday, 9-12 p.m.
Bld Euchre, Monday, 7 p.m.
Fun darts, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Send your community events to ashley@haliburtonhighlander.ca

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Terror on Wonderland Road is back and scarier than ever.

Boo! Actors with stage fright

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Calling all ghosts, ghouls, and ghastly abominations who want to terrify the innocent this Halloween.

The Terror on Wonderland Road organizers, mind-warped to say the least, are looking for actors and volunteers to bring a little fright to children and adults alike.

“We’re going to need actors that will be in full costume,” said Alex Bell. “They’ll be placed strategically throughout the whole show and they’ll be scaring the crap out of people.”

Bell is looking for 10 actors to complete his cast. They must be available for the dress rehearsal on Oct. 25 from 6 to 8 p.m., as well as the two shows, Oct. 26 and 31 from 4 until 10 p.m.

The time will count towards high school volunteer hours for students who participate. Actors are also responsible for their own

costumes. Bell wants anything that will make people jump.

“Anything scary [is good],” he said. “No Snow Whites or Peter Pans. This is the one night of the year we feel all kids should be scared out of their minds.”

This is the seventh year for the show, though Bell said it didn’t really get big until four years ago.

“Every year keeps getting bigger and bigger, including this year,” he said.

To get into the show, each person must make a donation to the food bank, which can include non-perishable food items. Proceeds from the barbecue will also benefit the food bank.

For those interested in acting, deadline to register is Oct. 24. For those who don’t want to act, organizers need volunteers to help with setting up and tearing down the show. To volunteer, contact Bell at 705-457-5818 or info@kashagapaint.com.

THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS IN SEASON, EVERY SEASON

NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT (By-law – 13-40) (RZ 13-07, Part of Lot 7, Concession 1, geographic Township of Minden)

TAKE NOTICE that the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills passed By-law No. 13-40 on the 26th day of September, 2013 under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990.

AND TAKE NOTICE any person or agency may appeal a by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board by filing with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills not later than the 30th day of October, 2013, a Notice of Appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection, accompanied by a fee of \$125.00, made payable to the Minister of Finance, as prescribed under the Ontario Municipal Board Act.

An explanation of the purpose and effect of the by-law, a description of the lands to which the by-law applies, and a key map showing the location of the lands to which the by-law applies are included below. The complete by-law is available for inspection in my office during regular office hours.

DATED at the Township of Minden this 10th day of October, 2013.
Adam King, M.R.M
Planning Administrator

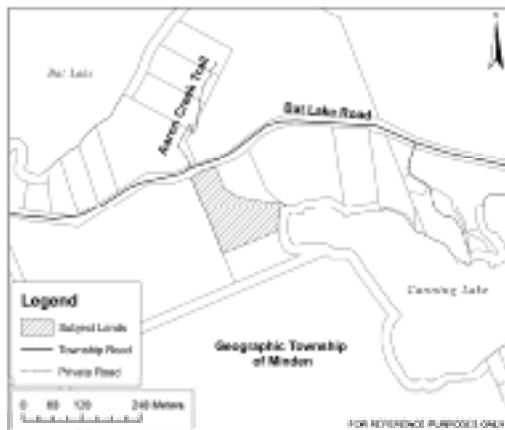
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EXPLANATORY NOTE - THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS BY-LAW NO. 13-40

Being a By-law under the provisions of Section 34(1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, to amend the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10, with respect to a parcel of land in Part of Lot 7, Concession 1, in the geographic Township of Minden.

By-law No. 13-40 amends Schedule “11” of Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended, as it pertains to those lands described above. by rezoning the lands from the Shoreline Residential (SR) Zone to the Open Space Exception Eight (OS-8) Zone as described in Paragraphs 1 and 2 of the By-law.

This By-law will be in conformance with the Township of Minden Hills Official Plan.



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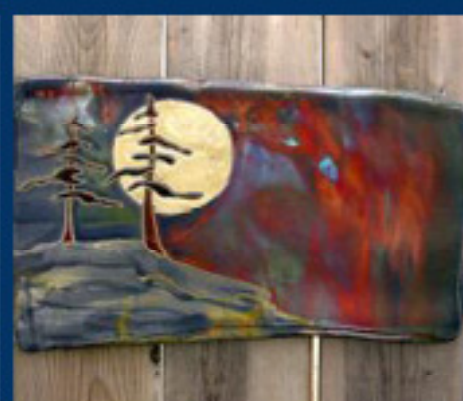
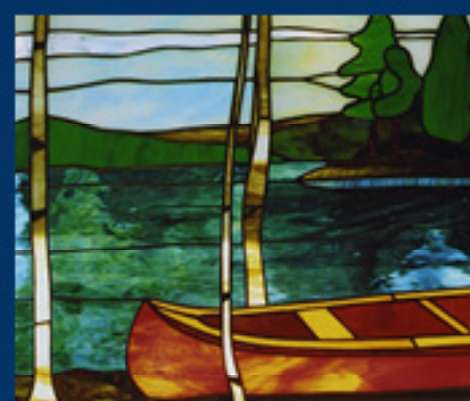
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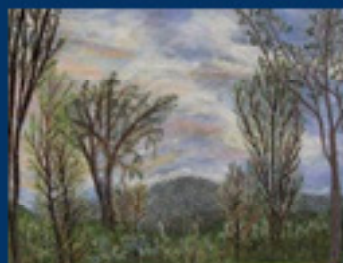
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Photo submitted by BLOOM
David Bloomfield and his band, BLOOM, are returning to his hometown of Minden to perform at the Rockcliffe Tavern.

Homecoming gig for Bloomfield

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

David Bloomfield is excited to celebrate his birthday in his hometown. Bloomfield, with his band BLOOM, are playing the Rockcliffe Tavern on Oct. 11. “I’m from Minden,” he said. “I went to Archie Stouffer as a kid. It’s nice to come back to the home town, that’s for sure.” The band is coming out of Calgary but is on an Ontario tour. Bloomfield wanted to play back home and got in touch with

management at the Rockcliffe. “We’re on an Ontario tour and it’s always nice to stop in at the home town.” Playing together for the last six years, BLOOM has shared the stage with Everlast, The English Beat, The Aggrolites and Daniel Wesley. At the Boonstock Music Festival, the band played alongside The Dirty Heads, Ill Scarlett, Korn, and others. They’ve got band members ranging in age from 28 to 63 and can handle any genre, but BOOM is primarily a reggae rock band.

Bloomfield said the show is going to be a bit of a high school reunion, with a lot of his old friends expected to be in the crowd. Nevertheless, he said is going to be fun for everyone. “You will definitely be entertained, [and probably] have a few laughs along the way, too. You’ll hear some killer music from the west coast.” The show is at the Rockcliffe Tavern in Minden. It starts at 10 p.m., and a \$5 cover is being charged at the door.

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Photo by Warren Riley

Vern Brinsmead and the Studebaker Drivers Club toured Minden this past week.

Vintage cars come to Minden

By Warren Riley
Contributing writer

Eighteen historic Studebakers from the late 1940s to the early 60s met in Minden on Oct. 5 for what has become an annual affair. These pristine vehicles have been affectionately cared for and showcased since the last Studebaker automobile rolled off the Hamilton, Ontario assembly line on March 16, 1966. Verne Brinsmead is vice-president of the Studebaker Drivers Club and assists in planning the club's annual ride.

"We do this every year just for the fun," said Brinsmead. "This year we decided to start the run in Minden. Our plan is to travel to Norland first and then Dorset, Huntsville and Bracebridge. We haven't as yet decided where the run will take place next year but we do intend to keep Minden in our sights."



Photo by Mark Arike

Shlitzzy the clown entertained the kids during Colourfest.

Weather holds off for Colourfest

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Splashes of oranges and yellow could be seen all over the village of Haliburton during the sixth annual Colourfest.

According to event organizer Gail Stelter, visitors and locals once again embraced the festival which was held on Oct. 5.

"Colourfest 2013 was very successful," said Stelter, who has coordinated the event for the past two years. "The weather cooperated and the village was alive with visitors. I felt we greatly surpassed last year's attendance."

The full day of festivities included a scarecrow contest, vintage car show, farmers' market, pet contest and live entertainment. Most of the events were held on Highland Street and Head Lake Park.

"The success of Colourfest lies in the combination of attractions ensuring that there is, indeed, something for people of all ages," said Stelter.

"Having said this, I was especially pleased with the Youth Unlimited Kids Zone made possible through the sponsorship of Mckecks Tap and Grill. It was the final piece to a great festival and was so obviously enjoyed by all the children and their parents. I also loved having our clown Shlitzzy who delighted the children with balloon animals."

A total of nine entries were received in the scarecrow contest, seven of which were in the store/business category. The winners were: The Woodpecker's Cabin (business), the Mann Family, and Ruth Carter (live scarecrow).

Haliburton County Warden Carol Moffatt and Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey awarded prizes to the winners.

Another lucky individual was Paul Voisin, who correctly guessed the weight of the pumpkin on Highland Street at 512 pounds. He received a total of \$95 in gift certificates to three local businesses.

At this time, Stelter could not confirm if the event will take place next year.

"The decision to hold Colourfest is made yearly by the Haliburton Village BIA executive," she said. "Should the executive decide to go ahead again next year, the festival is always held the Saturday before Thanksgiving."

Family Halloween Party!!

When: Sunday October 27th 7:00-9:00pm

WHERE: Minden's Community Centre

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